

Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report

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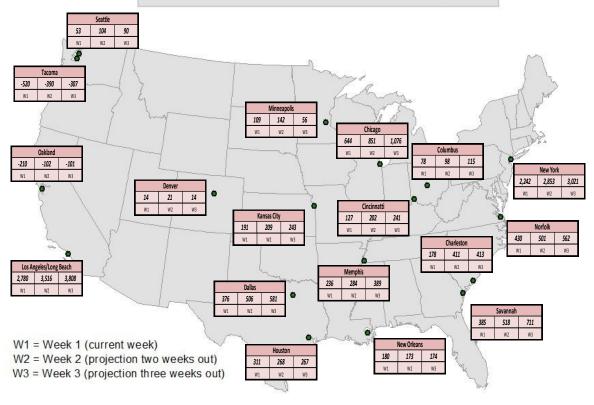
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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by five members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

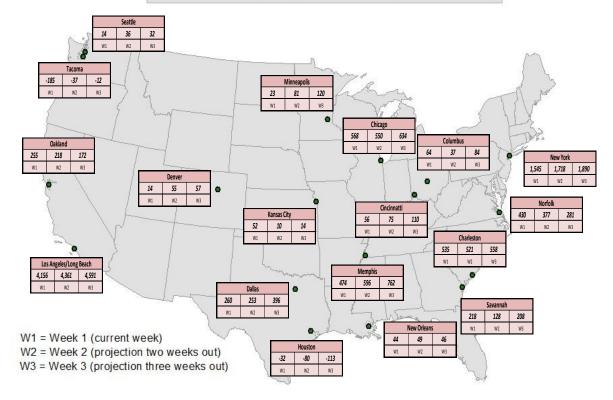
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Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers

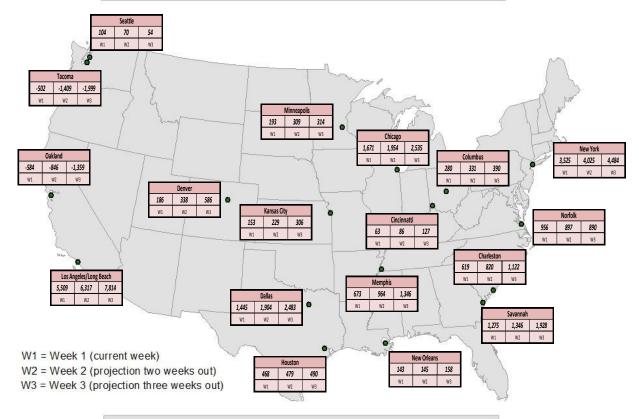


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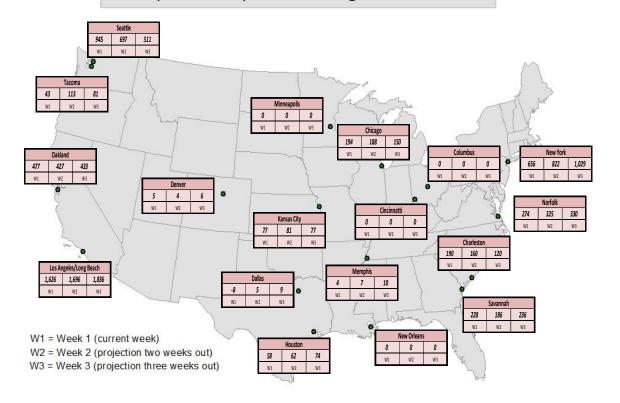




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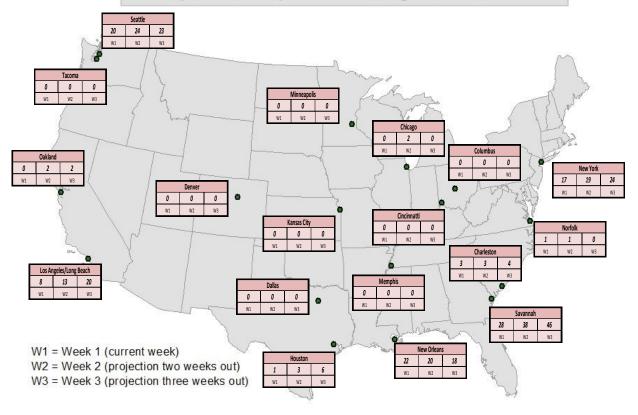


Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers





Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





	Charl	eston)				
	20f	t Dry					
	Ca	Carrier Availability Responses					
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	174	174 28 -24					
Week 2: Jan 4-10	218	57	136		•	411	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	236	92	85	•	•	413	
	40f	t Dry					
	Ca	Carrier Availability Responses					
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	254	161	-162			253	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	278	185	37			500	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	305	234	68			607	
	40ft Hi	gh Cube					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses					
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	455	308	-144			619	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	521	300	-1			820	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	558	543	21			1,122	
	40ft Ref	rigerated	t				
	Carrier	Availabi	ility Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total	
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	178	26	-14			190	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	163	1	-4		•	160	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	122	-4	2			120	
	20ft Ref	rigerated	k				
Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	3	•				3	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	3					3	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	4					4	



	Chic	cago					
	20ft	t Dry					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses					
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	401	401 274 -31					
Week 2: Jan 4-10	522	361	-32			851	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	503	539	34	•		1,076	
	40ft	Dry					
Carrier Availability Category Responses							
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	477	63	28			568	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	474	15	61			550	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	595	102	-63			634	
	40ft Hig	gh Cube	•				
Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	1,376	243	52			1,671	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	1,912	17	25			1,954	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	2,345	6	184			2,535	
	40ft Ref	rigerated	ł				
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total	
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	194	0				194	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	188	0				188	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	148	2				150	
	20ft Ref	rigerated	ł				
Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total	
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3			•			0	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	2	•				2	
Week 3: Jan 11-17						0	



	Cinci	nnati	-					
	20 f	t Dry						
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses						
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	65	65 59 3						
Week 2: Jan 4-10	110	91	1			202		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	149	113	-21			241		
	40f	t Dry						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses							
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	61	-1	-4			56		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	93	-1	-17			75		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	119	-1	-8			110		
	40ft Hi	gh Cube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	70	1	-8			63		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	104	-20	2			86		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	148	-28	7			127		
	40ft Ref	rigerated	t					
	Carrier	Availabi	ility Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	0					0		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	0					0		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	0					0		
	20ft Ref	rigerated	l l					
Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total			
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3						0		
Week 2: Jan 4-10						0		
Week 3: Jan 11-17						0		



	Colu	mbus				
	20f	t Dry			,	
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	65	17	-4			78
Week 2: Jan 4-10	72	31	-5		•	98
Week 3: Jan 11-17	78	38	-1	•	•	115
	40f	t Dry				
Carrier Availability Category Responses						
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	69	1	-6			64
Week 2: Jan 4-10	85	-6	-42			37
Week 3: Jan 11-17	95	9	-20			84
	40ft Hi	gh Cube				
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	262	9	9			280
Week 2: Jan 4-10	356	-32	7			331
Week 3: Jan 11-17	428	-43	5			390
	40ft Ref	rigerated	k			
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	0					0
Week 2: Jan 4-10	0					0
Week 3: Jan 11-17	0					0
	20ft Ref	rigerated	,			
Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total	
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3					•	0
Week 2: Jan 4-10	•				•	0
Week 3: Jan 11-17	•	•				0



	Da	llas	•				
	20ft	Dry					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses					
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	164	149	63			376	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	216	207	83	•	•	506	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	190	256	135			581	
	40ft	Dry					
Carrier Availability Category Responses							
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	196	88	-24			260	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	315	27	-89			253	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	421	20	-45			396	
40ft High Cube							
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses					
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	766	460	219			1,445	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	1,181	294	429			1,904	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	1,539	377	567		•	2,483	
	40ft Ref	rigerated	k				
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total	
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	0	-8				-8	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	0	5				5	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	0	9				9	
	20ft Ref	rigerated	k				
Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3		•				0	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	•	•	•	•		0	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	•		•			0	



		nver					
	201	t Dry					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses					
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	20	20 5 -11					
Week 2: Jan 4-10	27	-5	-1	•	•	21	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	31	-2	-15			14	
	40f	t Dry					
Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total	
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	19	6	-11			14	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	42	10	3			55	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	48	13	-4		•	57	
	40ft Hi	gh Cube					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total	
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	159	31	-4			186	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	300	34	4			338	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	533	50	3			586	
	40ft Ref	rigerated	ŀ				
	Carrier	· Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total	
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	5	0				5	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	4	0				4	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	6	0				6	
	20ft Ref	rigerated	k				
Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total			
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3				•		0	
Week 2: Jan 4-10					•	0	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	•					0	



	Hou	ston					
	20f	t Dry					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses					
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	268	268 32 11					
Week 2: Jan 4-10	257	28	-17		•	268	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	247	39	-19	•		267	
	40f	t Dry					
Carrier Availability Category Responses							
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	39	19	-90			-32	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	31	-16	-95			-80	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	25	-94	-44			-113	
	40ft Hi	gh Cube					
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total	
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	432	26	10			468	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	469	-19	29			479	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	419	13	58			490	
	40ft Ref	rigerated	ł				
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total	
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	58	0				58	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	62	0				62	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	74	0				74	
	20ft Ref	rigerated	t				
Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	1					1	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	3					3	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	6					6	



	Kansa	as City	 !		-		
	20ft	t Dry					
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total	
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	162	162 30 -1					
Week 2: Jan 4-10	179	33	-3			209	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	205	39	-1			243	
	40ft	t Dry					
Carrier Availability Category Responses							
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	36	17	-1			52	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	-5	23	-8			10	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	-11	26	-1		•	14	
	40ft Hig	gh Cube					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses					
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	134	18	1			153	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	217	11	1			229	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	282	24	0			306	
	40ft Ref	rigerated	j				
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total	
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	77	0				77	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	81	0				81	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	77	0				77	
	20ft Ref	rigerated	J				
Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3						0	
Week 2: Jan 4-10						0	
Week 3: Jan 11-17						0	



Los Ar	ngeles a	nd Lo	ng Bea	ach	-		
	20f	t Dry					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses					
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	1,102	1,102 930 748					
Week 2: Jan 4-10	1,291	1,106	1,119			3,516	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	1,427	931	1,450			3,808	
	40f	t Dry					
	Carrier	Total					
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	2,368	1,149	639			4,156	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	2,548	1,185	628			4,361	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	2,843	1,233	515			4,591	
	40ft Hi	gh Cube					
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total	
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	3,001	1,373	1,135			5,509	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	3,194	1,826	1,297			6,317	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	3,841	2,302	1,671			7,814	
	40ft Ref	rigerated	ł				
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total	
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	784	597	245			1,626	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	817	654	225			1,696	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	843	748	245			1,836	
	20ft Ref	rigerated	k				
Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total	
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	8					8	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	13					13	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	20					20	



	Men	nphis					
	20ft	Dry					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses					
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	190	190 85 -39					
Week 2: Jan 4-10	251	94	-61			284	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	306	105	-22			389	
	40ft	Dry					
Carrier Availability Category Responses							
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	511	66	-103			474	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	650	-2	-52			596	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	863	-27	-74			762	
	40ft Hig	gh Cube			•		
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total	
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	617	73	-17			673	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	914	84	-34			964	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	1,230	97	19			1,346	
	40ft Ref	rigerated	ŀ				
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total	
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	4	0				4	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	7	0				7	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	10	0				10	
	20ft Ref	rigerated	i				
Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3		•				0	
Week 2: Jan 4-10	•	•			•	0	
Week 3: Jan 11-17	•	•		•	•	0	



	Minne	eapoli	 S					
		t Dry						
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses						
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	79	79 72 -42						
Week 2: Jan 4-10	72	89	-19	٠		142		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	78	-7	-15	•		56		
	40f	t Dry						
Carrier Availability Category Responses								
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	66	59	-102			23		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	98	87	-104			81		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	132	45	-57			120		
	40ft Hi	gh Cube	•					
	Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	132	81	-20			193		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	179	133	-3			309		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	239	104	-29			314		
	40ft Ref	rigerated	ŀ					
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	0			•		0		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	0					0		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	0					0		
	20ft Ref	rigerated	k					
Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total			
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3				<u>.</u>	•	0		
Week 2: Jan 4-10				•		0		
Week 3: Jan 11-17						0		



	New C	rlean	is					
	20 f	t Dry						
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses						
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	171	171 9 0						
Week 2: Jan 4-10	163	10	0		•	173		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	167	7	0	•	•	174		
	40f	t Dry						
Carrier Availability Category Responses								
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	37	7	0			44		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	43	6	0			49		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	44	2	0			46		
	40ft Hi	gh Cube						
Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total			
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	126	14	3			143		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	134	11	0			145		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	145	12	1			158		
	40ft Ref	rigerated	ł					
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	0					0		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	0					0		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	0					0		
	20ft Ref	rigerated	k					
Carrier Availability Category Responses						Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	22					22		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	20				•	20		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	18					18		



	New	York	-					
		t Dry						
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses						
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	1,169	1,169 595 478						
Week 2: Jan 4-10	1,402	757	694			2,853		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	1,652	915	454			3,021		
	40ft	t Dry			Ī			
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	877	644	24			1,545		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	1,076	665	-23			1,718		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	1,205	696	-11			1,890		
	40ft Hig	gh Cube						
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	2,134	1,099	292			3,525		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	2,703	1,180	142			4,025		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	3,222	1,290	-28			4,484		
	40ft Ref	rigerated	ı					
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	400	168	88			656		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	470	270	82			822		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	559	375	95			1,029		
	20ft Ref	rigerated	ı					
	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total			
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	17	•	•			17		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	19					19		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	24					24		



	Nor	folk	-		-			
	20f	t Dry						
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses						
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	247	247 149 34						
Week 2: Jan 4-10	277	172	52		•	501		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	299	226	37			562		
	40f	t Dry						
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	473	119	-162			430		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	473	-59	-37			377		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	480	-155	-44			281		
	40ft Hi	gh Cube						
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	705	293	-42		•	956		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	846	202	-151			897		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	853	142	-105			890		
	40ft Ref	rigerated	k					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	169	116	-11			274		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	207	121	-3			325		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	200	133	-3			330		
	20ft Ref	rigerated	k					
Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total			
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	1			•		1		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	1					1		
Week 3: Jan 11-17						0		



	Oak	land	-		-	
	20f	t Dry				
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	36	-111	-135			-210
Week 2: Jan 4-10	6	-33	-75	•	•	-102
Week 3: Jan 11-17	42	-136	-7			-101
	40f	t Dry				
	Carrier	Availabi	ility Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	200	140	-85			255
Week 2: Jan 4-10	197	96	-75			218
Week 3: Jan 11-17	219	50	-97			172
	40ft Hi	gh Cube				
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	312	-128	-768			-584
Week 2: Jan 4-10	267	-256	-857			-846
Week 3: Jan 11-17	282	-399	-1,242			-1,359
	40ft Ref	rigerated	t			
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	378	141	-42			477
Week 2: Jan 4-10	347	126	-46			427
Week 3: Jan 11-17	313	144	-24			433
	20ft Ref	rigerated	t			
Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total	
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3				•		0
Week 2: Jan 4-10	2					2
Week 3: Jan 11-17	2					2



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	20 f	t Dry						
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses						
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	193	193 103 89						
Week 2: Jan 4-10	162	172	184			518		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	330	250	131			711		
	40f	t Dry						
	Carrier	Availabi	ility Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	230	76	-88			218		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	349	-33	-188			128		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	428	11	-231			208		
	40ft Hig	gh Cube						
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses						
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	632	551	92			1,275		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	832	409	105			1,346		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	1,040	835	53			1,928		
	40ft Ref	rigerated	d					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	212	15	1			228		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	203	-21	4			186		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	213	7	16			236		
	20ft Ref	rigerated	d	•				
Carrier Availability Category Responses					Total			
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	28					28		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	38					38		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	46					46		



	Sea	attle						
	20f	t Dry						
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses						
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	97	97 -44						
Week 2: Jan 4-10	174	-70			•	104		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	216	-126				90		
	40f	t Dry						
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses						
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	9	5				14		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	37	-1				36		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	32	0				32		
	40ft Hi	gh Cube						
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	84	20				104		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	101	-31				70		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	89	-35				54		
	40ft Ref	rigerated	k					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses						
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	929	16				945		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	688	9				697		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	502	9				511		
	20ft Ref	rigerated	t					
	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total			
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	20					20		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	24					24		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	23					23		



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	201	t Dry			I			
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses						
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	-1	-1 -519						
Week 2: Jan 4-10	9	-399	•	•	•	-390		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	80	-387	•	•	•	-307		
	40f	t Dry			Ī			
	Carrier	Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	213	-398				-185		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	194	-231				-37		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	293	-305				-12		
40ft High Cube								
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses						
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	503	-1,005				-502		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	-461	-948				-1,409		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	-991	-1,008				-1,999		
	40ft Ref	rigerated	i					
	Carrier	· Availabi	lity Cate	gory Res	ponses	Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3	331	-288				43		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	369	-256				113		
Week 3: Jan 11-17	343	-262				81		
	20ft Ref	rigerated	i					
	Carrier	Carrier Availability Category Responses				Total		
Current Week: Dec 28-Jan 3				•		0		
Week 2: Jan 4-10	•	•	•	•		0		
Week 3: Jan 11-17						0		

Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 4 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 2–4 offer a national overview of weekly container availability. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- Availability levels are subject to change, and may be affected by delays in return of equipment to carriers by shippers or consignees, and by free time restrictions imposed by railroads. Due to the dynamic nature of the container industry, carriers cannot be held responsible for the level of availability at the time of inquiry.
- Data presented in the report do not imply availability of chassis.
- Container availability estimates represent availability for all export cargo, not just agricultural products.
- USDA collects these data on a voluntary basis and cannot be held responsible for the status of container availability when a reader makes inquiry with an ocean carrier. USDA relies on the participating ocean carriers to ensure the data is accurate.
- Terminology:

20ft Dry Container (20ft): A standard shipping container that is 20 feet long.

40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.

40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).

40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.

20ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 20 feet long.

Chassis: A wheeled frame to which a shipping container can be locked for storage or movement. (Plural chassis)



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